PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services

2020-2021 Commercial Yellow Perch - Closure of Chester River - Effective 2/21/2021

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the closure of the 2020-2021 commercial yellow perch fishery on the Chester River, effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, February 21, 2021.

The Upper Bay and Patuxent River yellow perch fisheries will remain open through March 31, 2021. If the harvest target for either area is projected to be met prior to March 31, 2021, that area will be closed by public notice.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary because the Department is projecting that the annual commercial harvest target on the Chester River will be met.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all commercially licensed and permitted individuals who harvest yellow perch on the Chester River.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.21.04

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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